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SENATOR CONWAY: Senator Warner, it's not specified in the legislation as it was drafted. I guess I am functioning from the assumption, I'm speaking in Senator Hartnett's behalf, and it's his legislation, but I assume this person, whoever that person is, by virtue of the qualified person would fall under the same standards you would to hire anybody in those other capacities but nothing is addressed here, like you would an engineer or anyone else. So, again, Senator Hartnett's legal counsel is standing behind me and said he has no problem with any discussion on Select if you wanted to tighten up that person or whatever is there, that's Senator Hartnett's office's attitude.

SENATOR WARNER: Well it's not so much of seeking a discussion as is a clarification, I suspect, somewhat like the bill we just had before. Kind of hard to understand how it might be applied, but all of us, I think you run into situations where somebody may get a contract to do something which in the absence of procedures that are followed create future problems and I was trying to determine that. I assume all of us in here could argue that we're qualified to do this, some more than others I suppose.

SENATOR CONWAY: And possibly we are. I mean we are looking at the budget making authority and a person who is a county manager for instance has that authority now.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR CONWAY: And so we actually, I would suspect, would get more qualified budget development under this provision than probably we're getting by some of these people we have doing it right now.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. I'll now recognize Senator Bernard-Stevens followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. Senator Conway, if you would yield to a quick question or two. The first...I guess what...as I read into the bill, the question I rise...and, obviously, I was not at the hearing, if you could enlighten us. During that hearing, what precipitated the bill